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## 'Home' at NJPAC reunites three long term friends

by M. Scheryl Gant

One cold, gray, snowy day during the 1976 Christmas holiday season Samm-Art Williams looked out into the concrete bleakness of his Hell's Kitchen neighborhood in Manhattan, and found himself longing for the bucolic pastures and warm sunshine of Burgaw, North Carolina where he grew up.

The actor and emerging playwright had come to New York City to make it, but as he sat in his small studio apartment contemplating his financial brokenness, he was saddened by the nagging doubt. "Maybe I made the wrong decision to try to do this writing thing," he recalls.

Although Williams, then 30 years-old, had landed several roles at the groundbreaking Negro Ensemble Company (NEC), his own lyrics and view of life crying out from the depth of his soul for expression. Several of his works had even been produced by the NEC, but Williams was not making a satisfactory living or receiving artistic acclaim.

The seeds of Williams' doubt, cast against the cold, dreary surroundings were crushing. He thought about his family and childhood friends, the quiet fields, and red-eye gravy and black-eyed peas cooking on the stove. The memories of home were overwhelming.

Soon Williams went around the corner to the Port Authority bus terminal where he brought a ticket home. He was on his way back to Burgaw — which is American Indian for "little mud hole" — that had 1,700 people when he left in the 1960's and now has about grown to about 3,000 residents. Williams, who lives in Burgaw today, says the town, located near Wilmington, now has three banks, two grocery stores - including a Piggly-Wiggly - and five traffic lights.

To occupy himself during the long stop bus ride back to Burgaw, Williams began pouring his memories, joys, struggles

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## Blacks in Congress call for new DNC leadership

By Hazel Trice Edney  
NNPA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Texas), stung by sweeping Republican victories in the November 5 elections, says top Democrats failed to heed CBC members with advice on ways to turn out the black vote and that the Democratic Caucus may need new leadership.

"We do have to do some type of analysis and the members of the caucus have been saying that to the Democrats all along. We're raising millions of dollars, but it's all going to consultants. It takes ground activity to stimulate that black vote."

"I talked with them and several other members tried to talk



Ron Kirk, Democrat (Texas)

with them," she says, referring to House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt (D-MO). "We're going to have to look very seriously at what we're doing right or wrong because we just keep losing."

Democrats lost big on Election Day, giving up control

of the Senate to Republicans and watching Republicans gain an even larger edge in the House. Republicans now control all three branches of government. President George W. Bush will now be able to press his conservative agenda which features homeland security, more tax cuts and the appointment of more conservative judges to the federal bench.

In Texas, former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk was easily beaten by Republican John Cornyn to fill the Senate seat of Phil Gramm. With 89 percent of the votes counted, Kirk was losing 55 percent to 43 percent, with two other candidates receiving a total of 2 percent of the votes.

Two-time New York State Comptroller H. Carl McCall tried to make history as the



Carl McCall, Democrat (NY)

state's first black governor but lost badly to Republican incumbent George E. Pataki, who easily won his third term. Winning only 33 percent of the votes, McCall came close to making another kind of history—as the nominee receiving the smallest percentage of votes in a modern

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## NJIT, Rutgers, Urban Capital Group launch metro area business incubator

NEWARK — The Urban Capital Group, in partnership with NJIT and with support from Rutgers Newark, recently launched a business incubator in Science Park to support the growth of minority and small businesses in Newark metropolitan area.

The Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership (IFEL) will be part of the Enterprise Development Center (EDC) at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), the birthplace of New Jersey's first business incubator program. The newly opened 80,000 square-foot new incubator building, will be known as "EDC III", and is the third and newest addition to a pair of existing buildings that have housed and facilitated the NJIT program.

"We're thrilled to be celebrating this opening today," Stash Lisowski, Executive Director of the Enterprise Development Centers at NJIT said during the opening on November 5. NJIT Enterprise Development Center, designed to support the growth of technology companies, is considered among the top 25 incubators in the United States, according to Lisowski.

Newark, a city with a wealth of support for small



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The IFEL Agreement is signed by (seated l - r) Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch, President, NJIT and Dr. Henry Johnson, President, BCCNNJ; (l - r rear) Rhod Williams, Jill Johnson of the IFEL; Dr. Stash Lisowski, Executive Director, EDC Centers and Dr. Henry Maurermeyer, Sr. VP, Administration, NJIT witness.

businesses, including: the Black Chamber of Commerce of Northern New Jersey (BCC-NNJ), Regional Business Partnership, Essex County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Greater Newark Business Development Consortium, Minority Business

Development Center, Rutgers Small Business Development Center, New York/New Jersey Minority Purchasing Council, the Rutgers Minority Investment Corporation (University Ventures), and the SBA, will now have a business incubator to support the growth

and development of minority business start-ups.

"The Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership (IFEL) will be an innovative not-for-profit business incubator providing a continuum of resources to start-up businesses

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Philanthropist's legacy continues — From (l to r), Paterson Councilman-at-Large Kenneth Morris, Jr., Machuga Trustee John Tarrant, Paterson Mayor Jose Torres, YCS CEO and president Richard Mingoia, and Machuga Foundation trustees Bruce Waldman, and Joseph Makoujy display a plaque honoring Paterson philanthropist John Victor Machuga, whose foundation recently donated funds to YCS group home in Paterson for a new computer lab for homeless teens.



College student receives Alice Price Scholarship — From (l), Bloomfield College Trustee Emerita Alice Price, student Vernesa Davis and professor Jeanne Nutter Davis. Davis, an English major from Newark, was awarded the Alice W. Price Endowed Scholarship.



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## Curious Observer

President Bush accomplished what he wanted in the recent election. There is now a majority of Republicans in the U. S. Senate and more GOPers in the U.S. House of representatives. This brings to mind the old maxim of "Be careful of what you wish for, because you just might get it." Our president, his administration and the Republican led U.S. Senate will have more opportunity and fewer Democratic hurdles, to pushing through their plan.

Bernard Webster became the 115th person who has wasted away in prison, paying a debt to society that they did not owe, because the justice system failed them. The Innocence Project, which is matching DNA evidence to cases, has done it's part - what will America do to make these victims whole? There is no compensation for a life that has been wasted in prison, but "we're sorry is so very inadequate."

Essex County Democratic sources say that County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, a Democrat, has planned a forward thinking, inclusive administration that will provide opportunity, grooming, and representation to African American, Hispanic American, Muslim Americans, women and younger people in addition to the established "old guard". If the newly elected county executive succeeds in lowering some entrenched barriers to these groups, and pulls off his intentions, Joe D will accomplish what the party has not been able to do locally, and definitely not nationally. Achieving this inclusiveness will undoubtedly be an up hill battle, but we wish him success because the talent is there with such persons including, Bonnie Watson, Johnny Jones, Teresa Ruiz, Leroy Jones, and Craig Stanley, and the leadership under Donald Payne's helm is there also. Joe D understands that the party must give meaningful participation to other groups in order to invigorate the political base.



**NAACP Award recipient—**  
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NCC Practical Nursing Program receives \$700,000 grant — First Union presents \$700,000 to Msgr. Linder (far right), Denise McGregor Armbrister, Executive Director, First Union Regional Foundation (c) presented the check.



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## Briefs

### NIGERIA RULES OUT STONING DEATH

LAGOS, Nigeria (GIN)- Nigerian government officials say they will never permit a series of Islamic sharia law death-by-stoning. The announcement appears to coincide with a bid to reassure beauty queens who are threatening to boycott this year's Miss World pageant.

Junior Foreign Minister Dubem Onyia singled Amina Lawal Kurami, a 31-year-old Muslim woman whose sentencing to death by stoning for adultery sparked worldwide outrage. "Amina Lawal will never, never be stoned to death," he said. "The federal government will not stand by to let any citizen of this country be dehumanized."

### STUDY SEES FEW OPTIONS FOR RELEASED INMATES

CHICAGO (NNPA)-The incarceration rate for blacks remains high because released inmates return to poor neighborhoods that lack the jobs and other resources to rehabilitate them through jobs, according to a study by the Chicago Urban League.

## Urban League CEO plans April departure

NEW YORK — Hugh B. Price has informed the board of trustees of the National Urban League that he will step down as president and chief executive officer by April of next year, according to Michael J. Critelli, chairman of the League's board of trustees and CEO of Pitney Bowes Inc.

Price, who has served in the position since July 1994, said in a letter to the League's board "There is never a good time to leave the job of a lifetime. But after nearly nine rewarding and intense years, I think it is time for me to seek a new professional challenge and for the board to enlist fresh leadership for the 21st century."

Price, well respected and admired by the League's staff cited two reasons for his decision to resign. "I believe very strongly that leaders of national organizations like the League should not cling to their positions interminably. They should go flat out and then pass the baton to someone fresh before - not after - their own interest and energy begin to flag."

"Second, after crisscrossing the country on Urban League business, week-in and week-out, ever since I became president, it is time to recalibrate the balance between my



Hugh B. Price

professional and personal lives.

Critelli, noting the stability and vitality of the 93-year-old League said, "We have benefited immensely from Hugh's leadership. Yet, in vibrant and venerable organizations like the League, transitions are to be expected and can help prepare the organization for even greater future success."

Price, who will leave by April, is credited with creating national grass-roots programs to stimulate academic achievement among black youths.

He added, "I will name a search committee soon to guide the process for selecting our next president. 'Hugh's legacy of strong leadership will help shape the League today and

tomorrow," Critelli observed. "He has been a great champion of the Urban League's mission, and he has played a pivotal role in positioning the organization for a second century of leadership and service."

During his tenure, Price implemented numerous initiatives designed to strengthen the League's organizational capacity to better serve its constituents, and he created national grassroots programs to stimulate academic achievement among African-American youngsters.

Commenting on Price's service, Charles M. Collins, senior vice chairman of the board of trustees, and president, WDG Ventures, Inc., said, "Hugh's contributions to our movement have been substantial and far-reaching. He has been a visionary and dynamic leader for the Urban League, and he has been a great voice for civil rights and economic justice in our country."

Price, 60, graduated from Yale Law School in 1966 and worked as an attorney in Connecticut. He joined the editorial board of The New York Times in 1978, then became senior vice president of WNET/Thirteen, located in New York City.

## GERMAN BLACKS PROTEST FATAL POLICE SLAYING

BERLIN (FinalCall.com)- A national meeting, the first of its kind in the history of black people in Germany, was recently called for to protest the fatal police shooting of a 26-year-old mother of two from Senegal in the south German town of Aschaffenburg in the state of Bavaria.

The shooting of Mareame Sarr during a domestic dispute in July 2001, brought members of the black community in Germany onto the streets in protest marches calling for a full inquiry and the sacking of the police officer who fired the fatal shot. The officer said his memory is blank. No public inquiry was ever called. No police officer was put on trial and virtually no German newspaper reported on the shooting or the protests.

Fifty key Black activists from across Germany were preparing to gather in the little north German village of Lshne. The plan was to draw up a national blueprint on how to fight racism in Europe's second largest country and build a political organization to take the struggle for civil rights into the Bundestag (Federal Parliament) in Berlin.



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# Editorial

## Dems must appoint new, bold leaders

The recent election shows that the Democratic National Party and the party leadership in Congress has lost its center, and a change of leadership is needed. House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt (D-Mo) properly announced that he is stepping down, but his resignation should only be the beginning of the exodus. If this was corporate America, or if the current leadership were African Americans, the new business cards would be on order today.

There was no national social movement driving the Democratic voters to the polls this year, because the party failed to put sufficient domestic issues on the national agenda. The Democratic leadership never drew the public's attention away from President Bush's exploitation of terrorism. They did not even capitalize on the glaring discrepancy when both the "Office of Homeland Security" and President Bush were painfully silent during most of the Beltway sniper siege.

In fact the Democrats seemed to go out of their way not to denounce the war or acknowledge groups of Americans who have mobilized against a war with Iraq. The party also failed to point out that it is their base — the poor African American and Latino youth — who will be sent off to fight a "potential" enemy. Nor did the Democrats rail often and loudly enough against the reality that an attack on Iraq might trigger a biological or nuclear holocaust if Iraq is attacked or driven into a corner. And, they did not point out the discrepancy between the President's rush to attack Iraq for having weapons of mass destruction on one hand, while giving Russia — which also has weapons of mass destruction — billions of dollars in aid on the other hand.

DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe boasted post-election that the party "sent out millions of Get-out-the-vote e-mails, and we used our website as a tool to plug volunteers into campaigns nationwide". He called this the "grassroots" operation. He sounded like a Republican. There is a digital divide in the nation and many Democrats — poor, urban and rural dwellers — are on the downside of that divide. The Democrats need to log off and go back into the trenches, knock on doors and put money on the street. They need to get votes the old fashioned way: By putting their feet on some grass, dirt and concrete.

The difference between Democrats and Republicans on the issues of prescription drugs, Social Security, and tax cuts was not clearly defined. The issues of the economy, racial profiling, brownfields, education and election reform were ignored almost to the same degree that high caliber black Democratic candidates such as Carl McCall who ran in the New York gubernatorial race were ignored. The national party did not provide the finances, advertising, and shoulder to shoulder "take it to the streets" support they needed to galvanized their campaigns.

The ground lost by the Democrats this year and the resulting Republican power grab was damaging. To lose further ground in 2004 by doing the same old thing, with the same old faces and fears will be insane. The stakes are far too high for the local, national and global communities. Now is the time for remedy.

## Wellstone: 'Like Having One of Us in Congress'

By Hugh B. Price

But it is true—we have lost a great political figure. I had long thought I fully understood how valuable Paul Wellstone was—valuable to the forces of political progressivism, valuable to people who want to believe that the practice of politics still offers a chance to change things for the better for all Americans, valuable to those who like to see a politician who likes ordinary people. Now I'm beginning to think that as much as I appreciated him and respected him, I didn't understand the half of it.

Only now, as I read over the comments written to me by several of our staff at the National Urban League who worked with him and his Senate staff on numerous pieces of legislation, and as I read the comments of media columnists and others who knew him do I realize that American politics and American society have lost a great deal more than, for the moment, can be put down with precision by words.

For example, Mark Alexander, an associate law professor at Seton Hall University and a top official for Bill Bradley's presidential campaign in 2000, wrote of sharing "public moments of joy and pain, and private moments of humanity and camaraderie."

*"He saw what government could do to help people, and he wanted to make that happen."*

— Mark Alexander, Seton Hall with Wellstone during the grueling campaign in Iowa.

"While he and I agreed on most political matters," Alexander said, "my feelings for him do not center on any one political issue. I admired him because he always acted out of a selfless belief in the good that public servants could achieve. He saw what government could do to help people, and he wanted to make that happen ... The people deserve our public servants' time, and Paul Wellstone gave it ..."

That same quality, an enthusiastic commitment to being a public servant, was put in different words in The Nation magazine by Cathy Statz, education director for the Wisconsin Farmers Union. "He was our flag bearer," she said. "There are plenty of people in Congress who vote right, but Paul did everything right. We didn't have to ask him, we didn't have to lobby him; he understood. It was like having one of us in Congress."

Wellstone was unwaveringly progressive: despite being locked in a tight re-election

contest, he was the only incumbent in a Congressional race to have voted against the resolution giving President Bush an open-ended authorization to attack Iraq and after his vote he forged to a narrow lead in the polls in that contest. In 1996 Wellstone was also the only senator up for re-election that year to vote against the welfare reform bill.

But it's apparent that it was also Wellstone's humanity—his friendliness—that drew so many people to him, including Senate colleagues who did not share his political views.

David Corn, a columnist for The Nation, noted that in his 2001 book, The Conscience of a Liberal: Reclaiming the Compassionate Agenda, Wellstone, a former college professor, recalled his determination "... not to be an outside observer but to use my skills as a political scientist to empower people and to step forward with people in justice struggles."

Later in the same book, Wellstone said, "There is, of course, no guarantee of success. But politics is not about observations or predictions. Politics is what we create by what we do, what we hope for, and what we dare to imagine."

Hugh B. Price is the president of the National Urban League.

## Baby Boomer retirements open doors

By Cal Darden

Over the next 20 years, America's 75 million Baby Boomers will retire in record numbers, presenting a challenge to corporations, a labor shortage for the nation, and a terrific opportunity for minorities. By 2021, there will be 12.4 million fewer workers; and by 2031, 27.9 million fewer workers, leaving a gaping hole in the employment ranks.

As the Baby Boomers retire, corporations face significant challenges. And as the statistics above show, companies will be hard-pressed to find new employees throughout all levels of their operations, and particularly at the top of the organization.

It is imperative that today's African-American leaders seize the chance to encourage young African-Americans to seek leadership development opportunities when and wherever they may exist. They also should seek to identify where the next African-American executives will emerge. Executives like: Franklin Raines, former director of the Federal Office of Management and Budget, who took over as chairman and CEO of Fannie

*"Minorities should prepare themselves for the challenge."*

— Cal Darden

Mae, becoming the first African-American to head a major American corporation. In the last decade, there has been a welcomed movement toward minority leadership building by corporate America. But the corporate world must bolster its leadership capacity by tapping into its reservoir of minority resources and encouraging programs designed to alleviate racial and ethnic division. Corporations must be willing to actively identify and develop innovative, educational programs, and creative, flexible people for leadership roles.

Even if corporations become more proactive in identifying minority leadership, minority employees should not wait to be "discovered." Minorities should prepare themselves for the challenge. One of the first steps they should take is to adopt a code of ethics and live by it, a step that leaders from all backgrounds should take.

I learned at a very early point in my career that there are

three simple maxims to guide a leader's actions. They are: 1) take your job and your family seriously, but never yourself. 2) Do the right thing, not the easy thing. 3) If you say you're going to do something, do it.

Many leadership roles will open up. The opportunities may be easy to see, but they will not be easy to grasp. To prepare oneself for leadership only to be relegated to less influential jobs may be the ultimate frustration. When any member of a free society is deprived of equal access to quality education, lack of exposure to technology and opportunities for upward mobility, the entire community ultimately suffers. The backlash of this alienation is manifested in increased crime rates, high unemployment, illiteracy, and dependency upon welfare-type social programs.

We all have a responsibility to pass on our legacy of leadership to the next generation. And we must ensure that the next generation of leaders will be given the opportunity to compete on an even playing field.

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# New car purchase initiative offered

WASHINGTON (Special to the NNPA)—A vehicle financing program that will educate consumers in workshops about budgeting, credit, payment options and deciding whether to purchase or lease a vehicle has been launched by the American Financial Services Association Education Foundation (AFSAEF).

The program, underwritten by General Motors and General Motors Acceptance Corporation, will be distributed free to local and national organizations.

"The program's easy to use; it has everything needed for groups to organize and execute their own self-study course," says Susie Irvine, president and CEO of AFSAEF. Irvine says the kit, which will be available early next year, will include step-by-step instructions and worksheets for people interested in learning more about the fundamentals of vehicle financing.

John Finnegan, GM executive vice president and GMAC chairman and president, adds: "We are pleased to support the AFSA Education Foundation in this community outreach initiative."

"Even with the wealth of information at our fingertips via the Internet, everyone from driving-age students to mature adults will benefit from the vehicle financing basics covered by this new program," Finnegan said. "We believe this program will take consumers to a higher level of confidence and knowledge, thus enhancing their buying experience."

Some community leaders have examined the workshop material, titled: "Your Pathways to Vehicle Financing." James Farmer, GMAC vice president of merchandising, advertising and communications, says: "We have discussed this initiative with numerous organizations over the past year and have received overwhelmingly positive response regarding both the concept and the outreach focus."

One of those organizations is the National Newspaper Publishers Association, a federation of more than 200 black-owned newspapers (including *City News*).

John "Jake" Oliver Jr., a member of the NNPA's executive committee and president of the Afro-American Newspapers in Baltimore, MD says, "The NNPA is proud to partner with AFSAEF and our good friends at GMAC on a project that will benefit our community. We look forward

*"We believe this program will take consumers to a higher level of confidence and knowledge, thus enhancing their buying experience."*

— John Finnegan, GM

to working with them."

Organizations interested in ordering the kits can contact the Washington-based AFSA Education Foundation toll free at (888) 400-7577.

This is the first in what is expected to be a series of financial literacy workshops sponsored by the AFSA Education

Foundation.

The foundation is affiliated with the American Financial Services Association, a national trade association of groups providing market funded financial services and credit to consumers and small businesses. You can also visit their website at [www.afsaef.org](http://www.afsaef.org).

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PSE&G, New Jersey's largest electric and gas company, is offering tips to help consumers prevent CO poisoning.

According to Tom Curry, Senior Health and Safety Advisor for PSE&G's Appliance Service, the first line of defense against carbon monoxide is to make sure all fuel burning appliances operate properly. These appliances include gas and oil furnaces, water heaters, gas ranges, space heaters, and gas clothes dryers. Improperly vented fireplaces and charcoal grills can also give

off CO.

The incomplete burning of any material containing carbon, such as gasoline, natural gas, oil, propane, coal or wood, produces CO.

According to the National Safety Council, CO interferes with the distribution of oxygen to the blood to the rest of the body. Depending upon the amount inhaled, this gas can disturb coordination, worsen heart conditions, and produce fatigue, headache, weakness, confusion, disorientation, nausea and dizziness. Very high levels can cause death.

"The most important step you can take against CO poisoning is to make sure you're operating appliances efficiently and that they are well maintained," said Curry. "We recommend that consumers have their heating equipment inspected each year by qualified technicians; that vents and chimneys be kept clear of debris; and, that equipment like charcoal grills be used only outdoors."

"If you notice that your hot water supply is decreasing, the furnace is not adequately heating your home, soot appears on appliances, or there is a burning odor coming from appliances, there might be high levels of CO in your home," advised Curry. "You should call your local utility to inspect and determine if CO levels are too high. All PSE&G appliance service technicians are trained and equipped to detect the unhealthy presence of CO in a home."

"Second," Curry continued, "make sure that appliances using combustible gases are well ventilated to remove the

carbon monoxide gas from the living space. Correct installation and annual maintenance will ensure that your appliances are safe to use."

Curry recommends that consumers invest in carbon monoxide alarms only as back-up protection, NOT as a substitute for proper use and maintenance of the fuel burning appliances. CO alarms can provide an early warning to consumers before CO builds up to a dangerous level. Most devices cost under \$100.

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends placing a carbon monoxide alarm in every area of the house; if just one alarm is installed, it should be placed near the sleeping rooms of the house. If you have a detector, remember to check the batteries regularly.

PSE&G does not sell or install carbon monoxide alarms, but recommends that consumers do some research before buying them. Organizations such as Consumer's Union (publisher of Consumer Reports), the American Gas Association, and Underwriters Laboratories (UL) can help you make an informed decision. Look for UL certification on any alarm you purchase, and carefully follow manufacturers' instructions for its placement, use and maintenance.

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#### WHO'S INCLUDED?

You could get benefits if you or a relative fits the description in the box to the right. Still not sure? Get a detailed notice at the website or by calling for free. If this settlement applies to one of your family members who died, you could get their settlement benefits. Many policies were sold door-to-door, perhaps in your old neighborhood. Do you know someone who had a policy? Let them know about the settlement.

#### WHAT CAN YOU GET FROM THE SETTLEMENT?

Generally, people who still have their life insurance coverage will get increased insurance benefits. If the settlement is approved, these people can ask for cash instead, but in a lower amount than the increased insurance benefits. People whose policies already paid a death or maturity benefit will get cash. Most people whose policies terminated for other reasons will get five years of free death benefit coverage, and some of them will get cash. For some policies, the settlement provides other additional

benefits. A detailed notice has more information about the settlement benefits. You can get one by calling or visiting the website.

#### HOW DO YOU GET THE BENEFITS?

If you're in the settlement, send in a claim form to get benefits. The detailed notice package has everything you need. Just call or visit the website below to get one. **Claim forms are due by April 23, 2003.** You don't have to have your policy number, but it will help Metropolitan find the policy to see if it qualifies. If you're not sure your policy is included, you can file a claim anyway. Filing a claim doesn't mean you'll get benefits.

#### YOUR OTHER OPTIONS

If you don't want settlement benefits, or to be legally bound by the settlement, you must exclude yourself by **December 30, 2002**, or you won't be able to sue, or continue to sue, Metropolitan about the legal claims in this case. If you exclude yourself, you can't get any benefits from this settlement. If you stay in the settlement, you may object to it by **December 30, 2002**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object. The Court will hold a hearing in this case (*Thompson v. Metropolitan Life*, No. 00-CIV-5071 HB) on **February 7, 2003**, to consider whether to approve the settlement and the attorneys' request for fees and expenses. The fees and expenses won't reduce the settlement benefits.

You may ask to appear at the hearing, but you don't have to. Find out more with a free call to 1-800-960-2381, by visiting [www.lifesettle.com](http://www.lifesettle.com), or by writing to Settlement Administrator, *Thompson v. Metropolitan Life*, P.O. Box 61, Minneapolis, MN 55440-8511. Please do not contact the Court.

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**Claim Forms are due by April 23, 2003.**

## Health Briefs

### Medical center at UMDNJ receives \$20,000 grant

The Pearl Vision Foundation recently awarded a \$20,000 grant to the foundation of the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) to purchase equipment for the Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Science at the New Jersey Medical School in Newark.

The Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Science is dedicated to preventing blindness and improving the quality of life for people with eye diseases through patient care, research and education.

### Scientists discover how cancer virus may be undetected

London scientists recently said they had discovered how the papillomaviruses responsible for cervical cancer hide from the immune system. The discovery was made using a type of virus that infects cows, but the researchers believe the results also apply to human papillomavirus (HPV), the sexually transmitted virus thought to be the cause of most cases of cervical cancer in women. The team, led by Professor Saveria Campo at the Institute of Comparative Medicine, Glasgow University, expressed hope that the finding could lead to a new treatment for the disease in its earliest stages.

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# Congressional Black Caucus members, other voting groups chide Democrats for losing important legislative opportunities

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Democrats lost key Senate races in Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina and Georgia. In the House, Republicans were assured of at least 228 seats, which is five more than they hold in the current Congress. A party needs 218 votes to constitute a majority in the House.

Disappointed over the loss of a Democratic majority in the Senate and a Democratic failure to win a majority in the House, Rep. Johnson indicates that the Democratic caucus may need to strategize to replace Gephardt, who she says is the key decision-maker. **(Editor's Note: Gephardt a Missouri Democrat announced his resignation as House minority leader late last week.)**

"I never thought we were getting a majority," says Johnson. "We're doing the same old thing and getting the same old result. It starts within the leadership. They're just set in their mind which way we need to go and how to use the money."

Looking ahead to 2004, Johnson says she doesn't know whether Gephardt will maintain his decision-making power with the party, not because he may become a presidential candidate for 2004, but because of bad strategy.

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**Eddie Bernice Johnson**

"When you have this many losses, you don't have a following," she says. "I'm not the only one who feels the sting of continually losing. This is a common conversation," she says. Asked if Gephardt will be asked to resign or if a move will be made to oust him, she says she hasn't thought it out that far yet. "There will be some thoughts galvanizing."

Another CBC member, Harold Ford of Tennessee, had also suggested that Gephardt step down. In a radio interview, Ford said, "It's obvious that we need some fresh faces and in some cases fresh ideas."

On CNN, Gephardt accepted some responsibility for Tuesday's blow-out. "This was

a unique election," Gephardt said. "You had the backdrop of 9/11, a lot of patriotism—legitimate patriotism—and concern about national security and safety. And the president's popularity is very high, and that undoubtedly was a factor in some of these elections as well. But I think our candidates were out there on the right economic issues."

A Democratic majority in the House could have netted two black chairmanships, Charles Rangel of New York as chair of Ways and Means and John Conyers of Michigan as chair of the Judiciary. Instead, the Republicans will now chair all major committees and be able to control the flow of legislation.

While Rep. Johnson was critical of Gephardt, she praised Democratic National Committee Chair Terry McAuliffe, whom she says is among the most energetic and progressive chairs the DNC has had. Johnson says there is no unified Democratic agenda. "Egos are such that the house runs their operation, the Senate runs their operation," Johnson says.

Preliminary figures compiled by the independent Committee for the Study of the

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American Electorate show that about 39 percent of registered voters turned out. In the 1998 off-year election, that figure was 37.6 percent. According to Curtis Gans, director of the group, 28 states had higher turnouts this year and 22 states and the District of Columbia had lower turnouts. Final figures on the black turnout were not immediately available.

"We tried to get out as many people as we can. But I'm never satisfied, quite frankly," says Melanie Campbell, president and CEO of the National Coalition for Black Voter Participation. She thinks the turnout in the black community was moderate, but was especial-

ly disheartened by the low turnout among the youth ages 18-24, which makes up a major portion of the black voting-age population.

Although Johnson says the loss in the House was no surprise, she said the black community takes a tremendous hit in the Senate because of lifetime judicial appointments that are made by senators. She says the anti-civil rights and anti-affirmative action agenda of the GOP will hurt the black community.

Yvonne Scruggs-Leftwich, president and chief operating officer of the Black Leadership Forum, a non-partisan coalition of 23 civil rights organizations, agrees with Johnson that the strategy by Democrats, for whom blacks have voted 9-1, was apparently not up to par.

"Somebody's decisions stink," says Scruggs-Leftwich. "Still the Democrats and the liberals don't get it. The people who are the progressive agenda supporters have to be in the process all along... For the black vote to be the swing vote in so many districts and in so many states, and for there to be so little and so few resources dedicated to educating and mobilizing, that vote is plain stupid."

## Incubator partnership offers minority start-ups room to grow

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to support long term success and growth", says Rhod Williams, a managing director of the Urban Capital Group.

Newark, a city with a wealth of support for small businesses, including: the Black Chamber of Commerce of Northern New Jersey, Regional Business Partnership, Essex County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Greater Newark Business Development Consortium, Minority Business Development Center, Rutgers Small Business Development Center, New York/New Jersey Minority Purchasing Council, the Rutgers Minority Investment Corporation (University Ventures), and the SBA, will now have a business incubator to support the growth and development of minority business startups.

"Our vision is for IFEL to become an internationally recognized business incubation model and to establish Newark as one of the premier cities for minority business growth in the country," says Jill Johnson, also a founder and managing director of Urban Capital Group.

The incubator model has a demonstrated track record of

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**Dr. Henry C. Johnson**

supporting business success as measured by long term sustainability, revenue growth and job creation.

The National Business Incubation Association (NBIA) reports that an average of 87 percent of incubator graduates are successful. For every \$1 from an incubator, NBIA member/incubatees generate approximately \$45 revenue. The organization says North American incubatees have created approximately half a million jobs since 1980. Every 50 jobs created by an incubatee generate another 25 jobs in the community, according to the association.

"The Institute for

Entrepreneurial Leadership is being created to improve the start-up, growth and survival rates of new and existing small businesses in the Newark metro area", says Dr. Henry Johnson, president of the Black Chamber of Commerce of Northern New Jersey, and CEO and president of City News Publishing.

"We are excited about the partnership with NJIT's Enterprise Development Center and Rutgers-Newark's participation. The triumph to launch this incubator marks a new day in the collaboration to support the growth of minority businesses in Newark," Johnson said

"We have a long way to go to bring the IFEL into full reality. However, we will provide low cost office space and a wide-range of development services, by partnering with the existing service provider," Dr. Johnson continued. "The ultimate goal is to 'graduate' individuals who own companies that will continue to contribute to Newark's economy through the creation of jobs."

Through a grant from the Prudential Foundation, IFEL will begin program develop-

ment and implementation. It expects to begin immediately to interview prospective business owners who want to register for the program. The new building enlarges the gross square footage of incubator space at NJIT to 160,000 square feet with each building located conveniently near the other. (EDC I features 50,000 square feet; EDC II is 30,000 square feet.

The new five-story building will offer office and wet laboratory space for both incubation and graduate companies. Three floors (about 48,000 sq. ft.) will be dedicated to 24 start-up companies and two floors (about 32,000 square feet) will house 12 graduate companies.

Since its 1988 inception, EDC has graduated some 65 companies in a variety of industries such as engineering services, biotechnology, chemical synthesis and information technology. The fifth floor features 12 wet labs. Each lab includes a set of benches, an exhaust hood, a laboratory sink, and a glassware storage cabinet. To keep the rent at an economical price, the space has been laid out with a partition-free, open floor plan.

"We calculated that such a plan would save companies almost 30 percent in laboratory rental costs," says Lisowski. In addition, a near-by fifth floor office also contains office space that can be leased. Security features include locks on hoods and cabinets. Among the building's most unique features are 18 small (100-square-foot) furnished first floor offices featuring an attractive monthly rent of \$150.

"For the entrepreneur who is not ready to begin a start-up, but wants to work on a business plan while participating in the various business services offered at the EDC, these suites will be perfect," says Lisowski.

EDC is a technology oriented small business incubator that exists to increase the rate of small business formations and to decrease the failure rate of start-ups. The EDC promotes young, small companies to start-up and grow by assisting them to commercialize their new products, processes and services.

For more information on the IFEL contact Dr. Henry Johnson at 973-642-4400 during regular business hours.

# 'Home' at NJPAC reunites three stellar talents

and disappointments onto the back of a brown paper bag. Today the artist still hand writes his prolific works.

It was the genesis of Williams' seminal work, a drama titled, *Home*, which traces the first thirty



years in the life of Cephus Miles, a young farmer from Cross Roads, North Carolina during the segregation in the 1950's and 1960's. Cephus, who Williams says is based on a composite of himself and friends from his life, is a religious "conscientious objector" (co)

who is led by his Baptist upbringing to refuse to fight in the Viet Nam War. Williams says the "co" decision was more practical for him and many of his classmates at Baltimore's Morgan State University back in 1969.

"By the time I got to Morgan the war had begun to rage and the body count began to come in. A lot of guys became co's because they were afraid to die," said Williams who said his personal sentiment was, "I can do Hong Kong for you, but I don't have a clue about Viet Nam."

Cephus pays a heavy price for his decision not to go to Viet Nam. While in jail he loses his dignity, his farm, and his sweetheart. He goes north to make his fortune, but life there is unkind to him also. Cephus returns home where he gets a second chance to manifest his dreams.

"Oh, I'm going to have a happy ending," Williams said responding to those critics who object to the idealism in his work. He is committed to elevating his audiences above their personal abject reality when they spend money to see his work. "Life has its own barbs, you don't have to go to the theater to relive what you live every day. That is your play, and you are in it every day," Williams says.

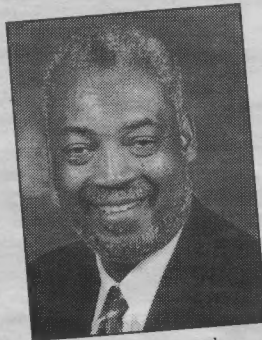
Ironically, when rehearsals for *Home* begin at the NJ Performing Arts Center on November 18, the sentiments and emotions will be deeply touching. The Newark production reunites Williams with Leon Denmark, and Clinton Turner Davis who were young co-workers at the NEC in the beginning of their artistic careers in the late 1960's. At that time

In those days Williams was an actor, Denmark was the general manager, and Davis was the production stage manager. They each went on to perfect their craft and make a name in the dramatic arts field. Their journey reunites them in Newark where they will blend their seasoned talents on stage again more than 30 years later.

"It's almost spooky, but I don't believe in that spooky stuff," Williams said laughing softly. *Home* received a Tony Award nomination for Best Broadway Play. His awards include the the NAACP Image Award, the Guggenheim Fellowship, and the North Carolina Governor's Award. His credits also include serving as Executive Producer of *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, *Martin*, *Good News*, and other television productions.

Denmark, who is the vice president of programming at NJPAC says of their younger days, "Samm and I quickly became friends." He recalls that he and Williams were in Europe for the NEC's production of a play by

Steve Carter when prior to working together on *Home*. "I worked very hard on his



s h o w .

*Home* was one of the first successes I enjoyed there."

"I feel that *Home* is one of the classic works of Africa American contemporary dramatic literature," Denmark continued. "Toward the end of the play the character is on the bus going home and you can hear the

poetry as the actor describes how his on the bus. I am interested in getting those kinds of works out to the general public."

Denmark's theatre management career includes progressive positions at Symphony Hall in Newark, and the famous Apollo Theatre in Harlem before coming to the NJPAC three years ago.

The third member of the venerable trio, Clinton Turner Davis, staged managed *Home* during the NEC production, and when it went Broadway and on tour." Davis will direct the Newark production. Denmark says Davis, a professor at Colorado State College whose teaching credits include NYU, Yale, the Juilliard School, and Howard "has really carved out a nice place for himself in the American theatre."

Davis is recognized as "a leading director, dramaturg, and arts consultant on the American theatre scene. His work has been seen at leading theatres throughout the country, and abroad.

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The follow-up to Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone finds young wizard Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) and his friends Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) facing new challenges during their second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as they try to discover a dark force that is terrorizing the school.

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## INDEPENDENT FILMS

### El Crimen Del Padre Amaro



Foreign drama about the story of a young priest, Father Amaro (Bernal) assigned to a church in a small village in remote Mexico, who falls in love with a teenage girl, Amelia (Talancon), who then becomes pregnant with his baby, and asks for his help in getting an abortion... Eventually, the news breaks out, and becomes a scandal that rocks the nation and the very foundations of the Roman Catholic Church.

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## E BRIEFS

### Entertainment

— Kim Bowman

### Parents of Williams sisters divorce



Last week, Mrs. Oracene Williams and Richard Williams, mother and father of tennis superstars, Venus and Serena Williams faced a Palm Beach Circuit Court Judge to finalize their divorce. The suit was filed as a "no fault" proceeding.

In a statement, Mrs. Williams told reporters she and husband Richard have been separated for a while and their daughters have accepted the divorce.

"Richard and I will continue to work together for the good of our girls, and I truly wish him well," Mrs. Williams added.

### Group of cosmetologists sue Rev. Jackson and Sharpton



The National Association of Cosmetologists has filed a \$60 million suit against Reverends Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton regarding the ire they made about the movie "Barbershop."

The group of barbers claim, the Reverends' boycott against MGM Studios to cut the scene ridiculing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Rosa Parks, has created negative reactions from the public about their profession. The group also says the Reverends' actions has made business bad.

Rev. Sharpton called the allegations ridiculous and said that he hasn't received a copy of the lawsuit. Barbershop has held the stick at the box office, grossing more than \$71 million.

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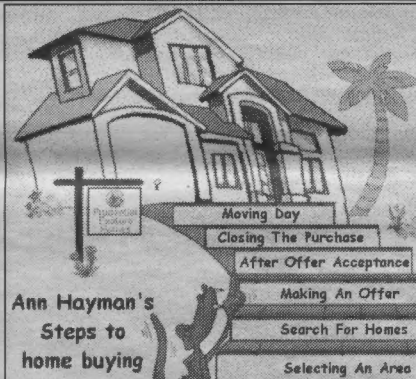
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Ann Hayman's  
Steps to  
home buying

Before you start shopping for that dream home, it's a good idea to determine how much you can afford to borrow. Many borrowers choose to pre-qualify for a loan amount even before they find a property, so that they don't waste time looking at homes that they cannot afford. If you do pre-qualify for a loan a pre-approval letter can be used for negotiating with realtors and sellers.

### Step 2: Finding and Securing the Right Property

Once you know how much you can afford, you're ready to find a property. When searching for a house, consult a professional real estate agent. It is also a good idea to make a list of those factors that are important to you - such as location, number of rooms, size of rooms, proximity to your job and the quality of the school district - and then rank those items in order of importance. If you're considering an out-of-state relocation, you may also want to research "hidden" cost-of-living increases; such as utility prices, car insurance rates and property taxes.

### Step 3: Applying for a Loan

You'll need to answer a few questions about yourself and the property you are interested in buying, as well as some basic questions about your income and finances. Afterwards a loan officer will run a credit report. Upon receiving the application, your loan officer will discuss the details of your loan.

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### Step 7: Closing

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In celebration of Fire Prevention month, fire officials and firefighters and experts will be on-hand to deliver fire safety and prevention tips to residents. For more info call 973-733-7446.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

New Brunswick — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will host a free public seminar titled "Everything You Always Wanted to Ask About Special Education" from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For more info call 732-937-7518.

Montclair — Blacknj.com will host a networking event that brings Black professionals, entrepreneurs and organizations together. For more info call 973-509-8088.

Plainfield — Boys & Girls Club of Union County (BGCUC) Plainfield Club will host its grand opening from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For more info call 908-822-8672.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Newark — The Urban League of Union County will host its 32nd Annual Equal Opportunity Day Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Newark Airport.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

New York — Biblical translator Walter Harrelson and printer Andrew Hoyman discuss the history of grand printed Bibles.

Trenton — Gov. James E. McGreevey and AARP New Jersey will host a Senior Seminar at the War Memorial. The topic will be Telemarketing-Do Not Call List. The session will begin at 10:30 a.m. and include a complimentary lunch. There is no cost to participate. To RSVP call 800-336-4040.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - 24

Continental Airlines Arena presents Disney on Ice Princess Classics. For ticket info call 201-507-8900.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

New Brunswick — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on social security from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more info call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

## Business

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Monroe Twp. — Pathfinder Consulting Group will hold a MEGA JOB FAIR at the Forsgate Country Club from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more info call 732-521-0070.

Saddle Brook — Gordon Bethone, CEO of Continental Airlines is the featured speaker at the breakfast meeting the Commerce and Industry Association of NJ monthly meeting. The cost is \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members. For information call Richard Goldberg at 201-368-2100.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Newark — Greater Newark Business Development Consortium will host a seminar on Growing & Expanding Your Small Business from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more info 973-242-5560.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Jersey City — New Jersey City University — Small Business Development will offer a workshop on "Expanding Existing Business" in Spanish from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more info call 201-200-2156.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Newark — SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) presents a workshop "Starting and Managing your own business" from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at SCORE office, 2 Gateway Center-15th fl. For more info call 973-645-3982 between 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - 22

Atlantic City — The NJ State League of Municipalities hosts its 87th Annual Conference: The Keys to Success. For info call 609-695-3481, ext. 15.

## Heartbeat

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Irvington — Irvington General Hospital will host a peer support group from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more info call Senior Services at 973-399-8033.

Livingston — The Friends of Saint Barnabas Hospice and Palliative



November 14 - December 19, Photographer Helen M. Stummer's work will be exhibited at Union County College's Tomasulo Gallery. The show entitled "Bearing Witness", covers twenty-five years of Stummer's personal journey into urban communities. For more info call 908-709-7155.

Care Center will host their 19th Annual Luncheon at the Crystal Plaza. In addition to the luncheon, boutique shopping will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. featuring local merchants. For more info call 973-379-2200.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Join the American Stroke Association of New Jersey at its second annual Life After Stroke Conference. For more info call the state office at 732-821-2610.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Irvington — People with Arthritis Can Exercise 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. first floor, Dayroom, Irvington General Hospital, 832 Chancellor Avenue. For more info call Senior Services at 973-399-8033.

Irvington — National Diabetes Month attend demonstration of Healthy Desserts for the holidays and everyday from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Ground Floor Cafeteria of Irvington General Hospital. For more info call Senior Services at 973-399-8033.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Irvington — The public is invited to participate in Diabetes Jeopardy! at Irvington General Hospital. A fun way to learn about this serious disease. Free Blood Glucose Testing will be available from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. For more info call Senior Services at 973-399-8033.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Irvington — Relax and Be Fit. Join our ongoing dance and relaxation group Newcomers always welcome. 10:00 11:00 a.m. first floor, Classroom B, Irvington General Hospital, 832 Chancellor Avenue. For more info call Senior Services at 973-399-8033.

Irvington — People with Arthritis Can Exercise 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. first floor, Dayroom, Irvington General Hospital, 832 Chancellor

Undergraduate Fine Arts Exhibition from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3246.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Morristown — The Community Theatre presents Barrage! At 8:00 p.m. For more info call 973-539-8008.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Newark — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center will host the All-State Orchestra and Chorus Concert at 3:00 p.m. For more info call 973-353-8051.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

New York — The Big "D Blues Band" will be appearing at Shine at 9:00 p.m. For more info call her at 212-941-0900.

### NOVEMBER 22, 23, 24

Newark — NJPAC presents the Urban Bush Women and National Song & Dance Company of Mozambique at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Newark — Newark School of Arts Dance Academy will host a master class with renowned choreographer Louis Johnson from 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more info call 973-642-0133.

Jersey City — The National Black United Front (NBUF) Jersey City Chapter presents Black United Saturdays at the Historical Society Museum from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The event will include poetry, gospel music, etc. For more info call 201-920-0653

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Newark — African Globe Studios will host House of Poetry Teen open mic night. For more info call 973-624-1584.

## Religion

Newark — Jubilee Interfaith Organization will hold its first public meeting at Sacred Heart Church at 481 Sanford Ave. The meeting will cover immigrant rights, metropolitan equity and workers' justice. Come join people from across northern Jersey to tackle these issue. For more info call 410-499-9144.

**Mail your calendar events and photographs at least two weeks in advance to:**

**City News Publishing  
111 Mulberry St., TH-C  
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Avenue. For more info call Senior Services at 973-399-8033.

## Artz

New Jersey's African American Tour Guide, a new, colorful guide listing sites, attractions, museums, and other cultural institutions focusing on African American historic locations and events is available, free of charge from the NJ Commerce & Economic Growth Commission be calling 1-800-VISIT-NJ ext. 2978 or visit online at "http://www.visitnj.org".

Newark — African Globe presents Music Lab every Friday through Dec. 20th at 7:00 p.m. with special guest DJ's. For more info and to audition, call 973-624-1584.

Newark — NJPAC & WBGO presents Jazz for Teens. Classes will be held on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Lucent Technologies Center for Arts Education, located at 24 Rector St. All students will perform at the final concert in Victoria Theater on May 17, 2003.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13, 14

Newark — Newark Symphony Hall presents Play: Men Cry in the Dark by Michael Baisden. For more info call 973-643-8009 or 201-507-8900.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Morristown — Community Theatre presents Southern Delta at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 973-539-8008. Newark — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center will host the All-State Jazz Concert in the Victoria Theater at 7:00. For more info call 973-353-8051.

Jersey City — New Jersey City University will host a Master of Fine Arts Thesis Show from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3246.

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